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Paul

Clean Water Fund participated in the Desal Task Force mandated by AB 2717, so we're very interested in the Desalination recommendations on Page 5-44. I know that it is not possible to reiterate all of the recommendations in this document, we did have 2 suggested changes that would include more of the input from the environmental organizations that participated in that effort. I'm attaching one revised recommendation and one new recommendation.

Please let me know if you would like this input in a different format, or if you would like clarification of our suggestions.

Thank you!

Jennifer Clary

Recommendations to promote desalination in California

- Suggested addition to current next-to-last bullet Ensure seawater desalination projects are designed and operated to avoid, reduce or minimize impingement, entrainment, brine discharge and other environmental impacts. Regulators, in consultation with the public, should seek coordinated mechanisms to mitigate unavoidable environmental impacts, and identify any cumulative impacts from multiple projects.

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Suggested additional bullet

- Create mechanisms to ensure that *projected* environmental benefits through transitioning dependence on existing water sources to desalination are realized in practice.

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